



April 5, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) cordially invite you and your neighbors to a meeting regarding the Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) for Buffalo Creek. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn about the study and related upcoming activities. The meeting will be held Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Recreation Center in Iowa Park, located at 806 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Iowa Park, Texas 76367. A map to the meeting place is enclosed and a tentative meeting agenda is available on the project website at <http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/en/node/1781>.

Buffalo Creek is a headwater tributary of the Wichita River within the Red River Basin. The creek flows 34 miles east from east of Electra in Wichita County to the confluence with the Wichita River in Wichita County. The watershed includes approximately 64,975 acres that includes portions of the cities of Electra and Iowa Park. Buffalo Creek is one of many rural waterbodies listed on the *Texas 303(d) List* due to elevated levels of *E. coli*, the non-pathogenic indicator bacteria found in warm-blooded animals. These indicator bacteria are used to assess the possible presence of pathogens that would limit the contact recreation use of a waterbody. Buffalo Creek was first listed as having bacteria impairment for contact recreation on the *2010 Texas 303 (d) List*. Funding for this project is provided through a State General Revenue Nonpoint Source Grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research at Tarleton State University is facilitating the stakeholder process for this recreational use attainability analysis. The objective of a RUAA is to collect information that can be used to evaluate factors affecting attainment of recreational use in Buffalo Creek.

Since decisions made about these waterbodies will affect landowners, citizens, industries, and municipalities, your participation is fundamental to the success of this project. At this meeting, stakeholders will be asked to participate and provide guidance on site identification for recreational use data collection and to provide input on historical uses of the waterbody.

More information about the study is available at <http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/en/node/1781>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Calvin Clary at (254)968-1921 or [cclary@tiaer.tarleton.edu](mailto:cclary@tiaer.tarleton.edu). We look forward to seeing you on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Sincerely,

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